

MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

Non-elected claims 19-20 have been canceled.

Claims 7 and 17 have been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) The polarizer according to claim ~~1~~ 5, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol has an average polymerization degree ranging from 500 to 10000, and an average saponification degree of at least 75 mol%.

17. (Amended) The polarizing plate according to claim 8 further comprising, at least one optical layer selected from a reflector, a transreflector, a retardation plate, a λ plate, a viewing angle compensating film, and a ~~brightness-enhanced~~ brightness enhancement film.

New claims 21-35 have been added.

REMARKS

By the present amendment, non-elected claims 19-20 have been canceled, claims 7 and 17 have been amended and claims 21-35 have been added.


Support for the amendments is found in the original specification, in particular in claim 16 (claim 21), claims 8 and 1 (claims 22 and 35), claims 2-7 (claims 23-27), claim 17 (claims 31-34).

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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